**Drought affected areas**

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**SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :**

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :**

**(a) which districts and areas in different States which have been declared drought affected; especially those in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh Bihar and Maharashtra ;**

**(b) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to assess the actual damage in each State and what was Government's assessment in this regard ; and**

**(c) what central aid was sought by each State Government for drought relief measures and how much of it was granted to each State ?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) According to information received from the State Governments, the details of areas and districts declared drought affected are given below :—

(1) Andhra Pradesh . . . . Parts of 12 districts

(2) Gujarat . . . . . 2562 Villages in 5 districts

(3) Maharashtra . . . . . 2367 Villages in 13 districts

(4) Rajasthan . . . . . 22586 Villages in 25 districts

The list of districts in enclosed as statement. (*See* below) .

(b) The Government of India had not deputed any Team to assess the extent of drought conditions in these States .

(c) No memorandum has been received from the above States seeking any specific assistance for relief measures in the drought affected areas. Keeping in view the drought conditions, two instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 1994-95 amounting to Rs. 31.875 crores were released in advance to Government of Gujarat on 13-6-94.

Statement

*List of Districts declared as drought affected*

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| Andhra Pradesh : | 1. Srikakulam |
| | 2. Vizianagaram |
| | 3. Visakhapatnam |
| | 4. East Godavari |
| | 5. West Godavari |
| | 6. Karimnagar |
| | 7. Nalgonda |
| | 8. Anantpur |
| | 9. Mahaboobnagar |
| | 10. Medak |
| | 11. Ranga Reddy |
| | 12. Krishna |
| 2. Gujarat : | 1. Kutch |
| | 2. Jamnagar |
| | 3. Junagadh |
| | 4. Rajkot |
| | 5. Bhavnagar |
| 3. Maharashtra : | 1. Pune |
| | 2. Sangli |
| | 3. Satara |
| | 4. Nashik |
| | 5. Dhule |
| | 6. Jalgaon |

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| | 7. Ahmednagar |
| | 8. Beed |
| | 9 Osmanabad |
| | 10. Latur |
| | 11. Buldana |
| | 12. Bhandara |
| | 13. Aurangabad |
| 4. Rajasthan : | 1. Ajmer |
| | 2. Alwar |
| | 3. Banswara |
| | 4. Barmer |
| | 5. Bhilwara |
| | 6. Bikaner |
| | 7. Bundi |
| | 8. Chittorgarh |
| | 9. Churu |
| | 10. Dausa |
| | 11. Dholpur |
| | 12. Dungarpur |
| | 13. Ganganagar |
| | 14. Jaipur |
| | 15. Jaisalmer |
| | 16. Jalore |
| | 17. Jhunjhunu |
| | 18. Jodhpur |
| | 19. Nagaur |
| | 20. Pali |
| | 21. Rajsamand |
| | 22. Sirohi |
| | 23. Sawai Madhopur |
| | 24. Tonk |
| | 25. Udaipur |

**Foodgrain subsidy**

557. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrain subsidy for the year 1993-94 was estimated to be Rs. 3000 crore but it went up to Rs. 5300 crore ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) what is the proposed foodgrain subsidy for the year 1994-95 whether there is any move to withdraw the subsidy ;

(d) by what time Government will bring down sugar prices in the open Market to the level of Consumer Satisfaction ; and

(e) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) while food subsidy for the year 1993-94 was estimated to be around Rs. 4,600 crores, a total provision of Rs. 5,700 crores had been made in the RE 1993-94 taking into account increase in the procurement cost of grains, delayed and partial passing on of the increased costs to PDS consumers, increase in interest charges, increase in freight charges and arrears of subsidy for previous years. Out of this provision a sum of Rs. 5537 crores was paid towards food subsidy and balance amount towards fertiliser transactions.

(c) For the year 1994-95 a provision of Rs. 4,000 crores has been made on this account. There is no proposal to withdraw food subsidy.

(d) and (e) The Government is constantly monitoring the prices of sugar in the open market. The wholesale price of S-30 grade of sugar in the principal market of the country, which were in the range of Rs. 1483 to Rs. 1630 per quintal on 19th May,